

1 Corinthians: Love Builds Up

Fourteen

1 Corinthians 16:13-24 Pastor Chris Lenhart – May 8, 2022

Introduction	Supporting Scripture
Essential Question: What are some ways we might identify a Christian community that is committed to and actively practicing doing all things in love?	1 Cor.1-15 1 Cor. 13
All things in love(13-14) A community expressing its faith in love	Col. 3:12-14
Intentionally Refreshing (15-18) A community devoted to refreshing others and itself through the patterns of servant leadership, giving recognition to those who are shining examples.	
Actively Greeting (19-20) A community giving and receiving greetings, encouraging, and practicing small yet dynamic ways to hold together.	Acts 18:2 Rom. 16:3-5
Participating as one body in Christ (21-24) A community held together by Jesus <u>our</u> Lord, loving him, eagerly awaiting his return while recognizing and sharing his grace with one another.	
How might we live as disciples of Jesus and function together as his church in an overwhelmingly not-yet believing world?	
In love we desire to do all things, encouraging and building one another up for the glory of God, holding onto the person and work of Jesus, our greatest source of unity and strength. Participating together, as the church in Christ, we are motivated and compelled to love, live, and serve according to the example of his life.	
Next Week: Pastor Bob Reid	

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Fourteen Next Steps: Home Group Study and/or Personal Discipleship Guide	1 Cor. 16:13-24
Get together as a family or with a friend or group of friends this week!	Supporting Scripture
Start with $\underline{\textbf{Prayer}}$ -ask Jesus to guide our time together. Go over prayer requests together.	1 Cor. 1-15 1 Cor. 13
Read the Text -read the text together. (1 Cor. 16:13-24)	Col. 3:12-14 Acts 18:2
Discussion Guiding Questions: 1. According to the immediate context, who was Paul asking the church to be watchful for? What are the postures of a watchful person? How can we be watchful today, and what should we be watchful of? Finally, how can we be careful to be watchful while also being loving?	Rom. 16:3-5
2. How might we recognize verse 14 as the lynchpin or "keynote" of Paul's entire first letter to the Corinthian church? Where else in this letter has Paul directly addressed the concept of love? Why does Paul care so much that early Christian communities would be loving?	
3. Take some time and underline the verbs in verses 15-18. These are actions words related to the expression of love as the Christian community gathered in Corinth had practiced it towards Paul. Which words stand out?	Prayer
4. As we explore verses 19-20 what verb is repeated multiple times in the two verses? How can greeting play a powerful role in a well-formed, welcoming, and inviting Christian community? How do we practice the "holy kiss" today?	Requests Family
5. Paul closes his letter in verses 21-24. What can we appreciate about his closing words? How do his closing thoughts aim to establish and affirm the Christian community?	Church
Questions towards Spiritual Growth & Discipleship: 1. How does this text challenge us to grow in a greater love for God?	Community
2. How are we motivated to grow in a greater love for others?	
3. How might Jesus be motivating us to apply some of the principles from this passage to our families, careers, communities, or churches?	Career/Friends
4. How might Jesus be using us to draw those that do not know him, unto himself?	Other
5. How can we pray for each other between now and next time?	